

Information for Release

1/30/2014

**Date of the notification to CPS:** 8/10/2013

**Fatality**

**The date the child suffered the fatality:** 8/10/2013

**Child's name:** Kristina Prunty

**Age at time of incident:** 23 Months

**Perpetrator(s):** Kari "Amber" Swaim, Jagger Hunt, Sandie Hunt

**Age:** 18, 19, 48

**City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s):** At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator(s) were living in Peoria, Arizona.

**A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On August 10, 2013, Child Protective Services received a report regarding the death of 23-month-old Kristina Prunty. At the time of her death, Kristina was residing in a home with five adults including her mother, Kari "Amber" Swaim; her mother's boyfriend, Jagger Hunt; and Sandie Hunt, mother to Jagger Hunt. Ms. Swaim reported that she put Kristina to bed the night of August 9, 2013 at 10:00pm and found her to be cold to the touch when checked on the following morning around 5:30am. The family called 911 and Kristina was transported by ambulance to the hospital where she was found to be dead on arrival.

Upon examination, Kristina was found to have significant injuries which included numerous bruises in varying stages of healing to her face, arms, legs, back, buttocks, pelvic area, stomach and foot; bite marks to her shoulder, knee and left cheek and abrasions on the crown of her head, nose and lip. An autopsy was later performed revealing massive internal injuries which included skull fractures on the right and left sides of her head; a severed liver and a severed pancreas. The injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental trauma and resulted in Kristina's death. An autopsy was performed by the Maricopa Medical Examiner's Office and determined the cause of death as multiple blunt force trauma and the manner of death as homicide.

**B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian\* :**

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) has received no prior report(s) alleging abuse or neglect of Kristina Prunty by Kari "Amber" Swaim, Jagger Hunt or Sandie Hunt.

**1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:**

The Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI), assisted by Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) is conducting a joint investigation with the Peoria Police Department.

**2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

The other children in the home were removed and placed in foster care.

**3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

No services were provided.

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\*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.